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This is the ninth volume in the series of records known as 'Letters from Fort St. George'. It covers the period from the 3rd January to the 27th June 1699.

2. The manuscript is in a fair state of preservation although incomplete at the end.

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Curator, Madras Record Office.

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FOR

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No. 1.

Fort St. George 3d: Janry: 1699.

To the Rt: Worspl: William Hatsell.
Esqr: Deptv Governr of Fort St David &ca Councill.

Srs:

This morning ship Johanna Richard Rawls master arrived from Bengall by whom recd: a General Letter from the Agent &ca. dated 17th: past. By ye inclosed [. . .] of a par: thereof you'le perceive the ill treatment of all Europeans at Surrat, occasion'd by the pirates taken a ship bound from Moco to [the port] whereon were [66] Turks and many women of Quality, and a Cargoe value[d] at 25 lack rupees what orders the Mogull may give upon this occasion 't is Impossible for us to know. It behoves you and us to be upon our guard to prevent surprise for wch: occasion wee give you this timely advice. The Welfare will saile this day for your place. We [are]

Yor: affectionate ffreinds
Thomas Pitt.
John Stylema[n].
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 2.

Fort St: George 11th Janry: 1699.

To the Rt: Honble: William Ouothoorn Generall
Governr: of all the affairs of the Rt. Honble:
Netherlands East India Compa: in India
Residing at Batavia &ca Councill of India.

Srs:

In ye year 1691 there was a Junck called ye Successfull adventure belonging to our [Compa: . . . wch] looseing her passage from Siam to Tonqueen [*about two lines lost*] was on Mr: Lemuel Blackmore their factor yt: Junck being very leaky & not capable of putting to sea againe without repaireing her

bottome, our Comp^{as} : factor endeavoured to procure leave of your Govern^{r} : there for y^{e} : carrying of y^{e} : goods w^{ch} : he could not obtaine but soon after hapned one night y^{t} : y^{e} : vessell prov'd so leaky that the men aboard her fearing she was sinking was forc'd to put y^{e} : goods into y^{e} : boats & send y^{m} : towards y^{e} : shoar (but wth : a [cau]tion not to land till leave were first obtain'd from your Governour, but meeting wth : your fiscalls boats they were seized on & y^{e} : Junck likewise w^{ch} : our sailors had halled ashoar to caulk and refitt her bottom was hall'd of by some of your seamen before they could accomplish y^{e} : same, and at thāt very time they plunder'd her of a considerable Vallue, for w^{ch} : wee have heard they were punish'd, but no restitution made. The contents of our Comp^{as} : concern wee here Inclose w^{ch} : wee are inform'd had been remitted to yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : from Malacca.

S^{rs} ; wee hope y^{t} : yo^{r} : Hon^{r} ; &c^{as} : Justice will rectifye y^{e} : Indiscretion of our Comp^{as} : factor if any o[n] his being unacquainted wth : y^{e} : customs of your port of Mallacca & y^{t} : you will not suffer any advantage to be taken for y^{e} : failings of y^{e} : servant to the masters prejudice besides wee hope y^{t} : y^{e} : strict alliance between our two Nations & hearty friendship between our two Comp^{as} : as well as your owne inclination to doe justice will induce you to return us those goods or y^{e} : amo^{t} : for w^{ch} : they [. . .] w^{ch} : wee desire may be delivered or paid [. . .] Holben Esq^{r} : whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge soe wishing yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : &c^{a} : all health and happiness. Wee remaine,

Yo^{r} : ffaithfull friends & humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS [ELLIS.]
ROGER BRADDYL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 3.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 20TH JAN^{RY} : 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE R^{T} : WOR^{SPLL} : WILLIAM HATSELL
ESQ^{R} : DEPTY GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL
ATT FFORT S^{T} : DAVID.

S^{RS} :

Wee rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of y^{e} 3^{d} : & 11th instants in answere, to y^{e} former wee take notice what you write about the Moratta's comeing into those p^{ts} : at first they were represented to bee very formidable, but otherwise now, some skirmishes wee hear has bin, tis said y^{t} : Dydarbux the Mogu[ll] Grandson is comeing into these p^{ts} : if soe wee feare, wee shall have y^{e} : like troubles as they have had wth : him in Bengall who has stript the whole countrey.

Wee have had a great mortality amongst our Europe men soe cannot well spare any and wonder y^{t} : at y^{e} same time you write for men you give leave wth : out knowledge for soe many of your men to ramble hither.

Wee dayly expect the Martha here and shall dispatch her hence in as few days as 'tis possible & desire you'le prepare to doe the same for their investment at Vizagapatam falls much short of w^{t} : wee expected [feareing the] quantity of Bales, [will not . . .] but wee dispond your number will [. . .] exceed [*About a line lost*] and to prevent the charges of sending the Bales hither wee intend that the Martha shall call on you.

Wee take notice of w^{t} ; you write about Mollem's Ellephants w^{t} ; our mulla discoursed wth : Dow'd Cawne was Coursory, & upon an accidental interview for that our orders was he should not soe much as owne himselfe to be our servant

Mahomod Hussen and all those Court parasites, wants a Vaqueele on this account w^ch^ : [you K]now must be very expensive to the Company & 'tis very doubtfull whether it succeeds. Yet as soone as y^s^ : bustle is a little over wee will make a demand of these Ellephants.

Wee hope the Weavers &c^a^ : Handycrafts that Selimon Cawn have drove from Porto novo will remaine w^th^ : you w^ch^ : will make some compensation for y^e^ : injuries he has done.

Your three bills Viz^t^ : to Nathaniel Higginson Esq^r^ : for pag^s^ : 120, John Styleman Esq^r^ : 422 : 30 : 4, M^r^ : Chardin 300 pag^s^ : are paid.

By yours of y^e^ ; 11^th^ ; you advise of the receiveing the treasure & c^a^ : by y^e^ : Wellfare w^ch^ : you say will enable you to buy Paddy when cheap when soe pray advise us thereof, that so wee may lay in a considerable stock for this place.

Your bill for 300 : pag^s^ : to M^r^ : Wright wee have paid and that to y^e^ : Presid^t^ : for 140 tho' no advise from you of y^e^ : latter, and pray for the future have only regard to y^e^ : Comp^a^ : occasions for money and not to accomodateing [. . .] for private persons.

Wee desire you to returne us your answer to the paper here inclosed signed by our accomptant. Wee are,

S^rs^ :

Yo^r^ : Assured friends & servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 4.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE JAN^RY^ : 22^ND^ : 1699.

TO THE R^T^ : WORSP^LL^ : WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^R^ :
DEPUTY GOVERN^R^ : &C^A^ : COUNCILL ATT
FORT S^T^ : DAVID.

S^RS^ :

This day about noone the Martha arrived in y^s^ road who wee shall endeavour to dispatch by this day seaven night to you so press you to use all immaginable dilligence to gett all you can ready to put aboard her as soon as she comes to your roade, wee depend upon 500 bales from you, and if you have any screws, pray see that the brown cloth be well pack'd to prevent complaints from y^e^ : owners of the ship.

Wee shall in few days answere yours of the [*Lacuna in the original*] to us M^r^ : Games's wife being very ill wee permitt him to come hither as soon as he pleases. Wee are,

S^rs^ :

Yo^r^ : Affectionate Friends and humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDY[LL].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 5.

Fort St. George 9th Feb. 1698/9.

To the Worspll: William Hatsell Esqr:
Deputy Govern[r]: of Fort St:
David &c[a]: Council.

Srs:

Wee have severall of yo[rs]: before us unanswered the bills you draw on us shall be paid and wee take notice w[t]: you write of the Morattas.

The wind here haveing bin severall days southerly and not knowing how long itt may continue Wee [desire] you upon receipt of this that if y[e]: wind stands southerly youle load all the Bales you have ready on the Briggantine and w[t]: other boats you can gett sending two souldiers in each boate w[th]: an order, that if the wind should take them short between yo[r]: port and this, to returne to you againe for if y[e]: wind comes up n[o]: erly wee shall dispatch her to you about Wensday next wee are,

S[rs]:

Yo[r]: humble servants.

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

Tappys are lay'd from hence to you.

No. 6.

Fort S[t]: Georges 4[th] Feb[ry]: 1698/9.

To M[r]: Simon Holcombe Cheife for affairs of
the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Eng: East India Comp[a]:
&c[a]: Council att Vizagapatam.

Srs:

Ship Thankfull. Wee rec[d]: yours of y[e]: 31[st]: Xber ℔ y[e]: Thankfull & y[e]: 14[th] Jan[ry]: by y[e]: Martha, after y[e]: dispatch of w[ch]: you promise to give us a full acco[t]: of M[r]: Dubois his business w[ch]: accordingly wee expect.

The Martha arriveing here y[e]: 22[d]: past brought us y[e]: Invoice and bill of Lading for 150 bales a number very short of w[t]: wee expected you formerly giveing us great hopes of the recovery of some debts standing yet due to y[e] R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: w[ch]: wee hope would have bin recovered soe as to have made some addition to this years investment.

Wee have laden for the R[t]: Hon[ble] Comp[a]: Acco[t]: on y[e]: Thankfull Captain Perrin, 24,000, rupees as ℔ Invoice & bill of Loading inclosed, Wee send you these rupees by y[e]: advice of your cheife correspondent M[r]: Chardin tho', it seems strange you should never advise us w[ch]: would be most for our masters Interest, whether Rupees, or pag[s]: so y[t]: if wee have erred in sending the former 'tis your fault.

Wee send you this money to make an investment for y[e]: ship we intend to dispatch hence in September next who wee intend to send to you in Aug[t]: and so to call at Metchlepatam by that ship or before, if we can spare it wee will send you some more money.

Wee formerly sent you the sorts the Rt: Honble: Compa: sent out of wch: sorts of goods they desire of ye: rest of wch: you never take notice, soe here inclose ye: coppys 'tis a good sortment required in our Europe marquetts. Beteelas must be fine & striped, and wt: is striped must be very small, all the white cloth well wash'd and packed.

Wee here send you six quire of paper large for books wee wish you could incourage us to send you some broad cloath, & lead, the Horse you sent on ye Martha [was] drown'd comeing ashoare, wee are.

yor: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF YE PACQUETT.

1. Genll: Letter dated 4th Febry: 1698/9.
2. Invoice of treasure ℔ ship Thankfull.
3. Bill of Ladeing for Ditto.
4. List of goods to be provided at ye Coast.

No. 7.

FORT ST: GEORGE FEB. 4TH: 1698/9.

To MESSRS LOVELL & WOOLSTON,
MERCHTS: ATT METCHLEPETAM.

Srs.

Wee recd: yours by ye Thankfull & Martha the latter arrived ye 22d: past by wch: wee recd: yr; Invoice & bill of Ladeing for ye 40 bales you putt aboard for ye Rt: Honble: Compas; accot: amot: to pags: 8627: 30: wch: if prove good, Wee doubt not but that they will be acceptable to our masters wee had not time to take any of ye bales ashoar here to view them. ℔ Ship Thankfull.

Wee have laden on ye Thankfull Capt: Perrin goods & treasure to ye amot: of Pags: 6305: 5: 5 as ℔ bill of Ladeing & invoice inclosed consign'd to you for accot: of the Rt: H: Compa: for you to invest for ye Septr: Ship wch: we intend shall call on you as these comes from Vizagapatam. The freight agreed for ye lead is 20 Pags: for ye 100 Candy, halfe a paga ℔ bale for ye broad cloth & ¼ ℔ cent for the pagas:

Wee are sorry that Quallo Narso shod: fall so short of complying wth his obligation, wee shall think it a good peice of service if you can write to the Merchts: by wch: means youl'e not only prevent bad debts but alsoe be sure yt your investment be brought in time.

By ye first you carried hence you see wt: goods the Compy: expect wch: is cheifly variety of [chay] goods & paintings, in the former investment there should have bin more allejars, and we beleive those sort of pallampores you sent are not broad enough nor long enough. Wee hope you have considered how to provide good quantities of Necks: some white & some red stripes att ye ends 3½ Co: long & better then coved broad they must be twisted at the ends before washed and not twist in pts: as formerly.

Wee would have you provide some salpicadoes flowr'd & plaine & send us hither, as soon as possible a peice of each colour flowr'd & plaine you may buy some fine longcloth, from sixty to ninety pagodas ℔ corge some [issareis] & some perculases wee would have you gett ready a neat cargoe something of every

thing but mind y^t your chints are made, on fine cloth, & 10 p^s: of a sort in a bale, twould doe very well if you would get y^m to paint on long cloth of about 70, or, 80 pag^s: ℔ corge makeing four p^ts: of chint of a p^s: of long cloth wee are,

Yo^r: Loveing friends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MAIT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.
1. Generall letter.
2. Invoice.
3. Bill of Ladeing.

No. 8.

FORT S^T GEORGE 4^TH FEB^RY: 1698/9.

TO THE R^T: WORSP^LL: CHARLES EYRE ESQR.
AGENT &C^A COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

S^RS:

℔ ship Thankfull.

1. Our last was dated y^e 22^d & 23^d Sept^r last since w^ch: wee have rec^d: yours of y^e 18^th November last 17 & 24 December last & one from Nathaniel Walsh, dated on board the Martha the 26^th of Decemb^r: w^th: invoice & bill of Ladeing.

2. Wee are apprehensive of this countreys falling under y^e same misfortune w^th: Bengall, for report speakes of Didder bux (another of the Mogulls Grandsons, comeing into these parts, whom wee fear will quite ruine y^e country, w^ch: Zulphaker Cawn has already so much impoverish'd that cloth is both scarce and dear.

3. You adviseing to have contracted w^th: Cajee Surhard Israel for Broadcloth &c^a to y^e Amo^t: of 100,000 Rupees wee have in order to y^e enabling you to comply w^th: your contract (thô the price is very low, sent you by this ship Thankfull Cap^t Charles Perrin Commd^r: sixty bales Broad cloth green amo^t: as ℔ Invoice to pag^s 6157 : 18 : 0 :

4. Wee were not willing to adventure a greater quantity upon one ship but shall send you more by y^e next good conveyance, if in y^e mean time a better price is not offer'd for it here, wee have agreed y^e freight at rupees $4\frac{1}{8}$ ℔ bale.

5. The Martha did not arrive w^th: us till 22^d: January & brought noe more than 100 bales from Vizagapat^m: & 40 from Metchlepat^m: considering her late arriveall at y^e time that must be spent in unladeing & Ladeing her, we doubt the season of the year will be soe far spent as to hazard her passage about y^e Cape.

6. Wee depending upon you for a supply of packing Stuf, the not sending thereof proves a great disappointm^t: to us, for wee can hardly procure sufficient wherew^th: to Embaile our goods. Pray send us by y^e next conveyance 4 bales Tenters, Gunneys, rope twine & match.

Wee shall never be free from troubles on acco^t: of the pirates, till some effectuall method is taken to suppress them, wee have not rec^d: any advice either from Bombay or Surrat concerning their confinements at Surrat, on acco^t: of y^e ship you mention, to be taken in her passage from Moco to Surrat.

What Silk worms you have hitherto sent us here have been all Dead before wee rec^d: them but y^e R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^a: having ordered us to encourage the

raiseing of a stock of silk worms at Fort S^{t} David wee desire youl'e send us some more, and for their [better] preservation inclose a paper of directions delivered us by M^{r}: Haynes. Wee are.

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

P.S.—M^{r}: Haynes being now here we have demanded of him, his Debts to y^{e} R: H: C: transferr'd by you to us, he tells us y^{t} he clear'd all acco^{ts}: in Bengall and desires y^{e} perticulars, for w^{ch}: he is indebted w^{ch}: pray send.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Generall Letter.
2. Invoice.
3. Bill of Ladeing.
4. M^{r}: Haynes's paper.

No. 9.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE FEB^{RY}: 22^{D}: 98/9.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: SAMUEL ANNESLEY
PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

S^{RS}:

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 28 Decemb^{r}: and of Jan^{ry}: y^{e} 10th instant [with] all y^{e} papers mentioned [therein] as to y^{e} strange Vicissitude of our masters affairs in England of w^{ch}: wee had a more particular acco^{t}: thereof by way of Anjengo, the Generall sending us a copy of y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: letters in July wth: y^{e} abstract of the Act of Parliament &c^{a}: w^{ch}: wee hope in y^{e} next session they will be able to repeale or that they will conjoyne otherwise two different interests appearing in these p^{ts}: will produce great confusion.

Wee are and will be unanimous here in secureing our masters interest and use our utmost endeavours to disappoint their adversaryes in order to it wee are makeing a very great investment. In this Presidency hopeing to be able to ship off hence the next year 3000 bales.

The 20th instant wee dispatch'd for England the Martha a full ship her Invoice amo^{t}: to pag^{s}: 118783: 21: 5 on w^{ch}: ship Govern^{r}: Yale took his passage wth: many others. She did not arrive here till y^{e} 22^{d}: past from Bengall Loaden wth: graine since w^{ch}: wee have had noe news from y^{t} place soe can't advise you when they dispatch'd y^{e} Tavestock and Ann.

The Husball Hookum yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: sent wee had it translated w^{ch}: wee think very severe and not [so] comply'd wth: nor can wee think they will insist upon it unless they resolve never to trade more.

The Mogull has lately sent into these parts his Grandson Dider Bux wth: an army who has had an interview wth: Nabob Zulphaker Cawn's son, [&] the King's chancellour [Asud]cawn, who wee beleive are in one & y^{e}; same interest, wee hope those army's will not come much nearer us, if they doe wee must expect the same obstructions to all trade as another of the Young Princes gave this year in Bengall.

Wee desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a} to forward y^{s} letter inclosed to y^{e} R^{t}: H. C. and y^{t} youle advise y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: & Councill of Bombay what wee write you, from

whe[nce] wee have not rec^{d}: one line since y^{e} Presid^{ts}: arriveall here wee wait wth: great impatience to hear y^{t}: you are gott clear of all your troubles w^{ch}: wee heartily wish [&] are,

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: most humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 10.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE, 22^{D}: FEB^{RY}: 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMODORE &C^{A} COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO.

S^{RS}:

Yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 16th past wee rec^{d}: y^{e}: 9th instant wth: y^{e} papers inclosed according to y^{e}: List, wee doubt not but y^{e}: Dutch have some designe in furnishing pepper at easie rates, by w^{ch}: means, if they cause us to leave our settlements they will be y^{e}: better able to ingross it and afterwards put their own prizees.

The Martha arrived here from Bengall y^{e}: 22^{d}: past Laden wth: grain, y^{e}: 20th: instant wee dispatch'd [hence] a full ship for England, her Invoice amo^{ts}: to pag^{s}: 118783: 21:5 Govern^{r}: Yale and severall others are gone home upon [her.] Wee as yet have had noe advice from Bengall of their dispatching y^{e} Tavistock and Anna. Wee are,

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 11.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 28TH: FEB^{RY}: 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: WILLIAM HATSELL,
ESQ^{R}: DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL
ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{RS}:

Some time since Padre Paulo de Soa delivered a petition setting forth y^{e}: great injustice done him in being putt of being Padre at Cuddalore & has lately importun'd us for an answere to y^{e} s^{d}: petition y^{e} copy of w^{ch}: wee here inclose and desire you to inquire into y^{e} truth of w^{t}: he asserts therein.

And whereas 'tis said that y^{e} cheife cause of putting him out was for owneing that his dependency was on y^{e} Bishop of S^{t}: Thoma, and y^{t} by the authority of y^{e} same hee held the Vicarship of Cuddalore w^{ch}: Padre Paulo, in p^{t}: confesses & y^{t} his dependance on y^{e} Bpp: was only in matters of Religion, but w^{t}: related to Govern^{t}: he was intirely under y^{e} direction of y^{e} Govern^{r}: and never did threaten any of his flock wth: Excommunication, or anathema's for paying intire obedience to y^{e} same, or use any sort of means to seduce them from itt.

Padre Paulo alsoe produces y^e^ inclosed certificates sign'd by severall of your inhabitants that the Incumbent Padre before he could exercise [his] holy function, Published a licence he had from y^e^ Bpp: for doeing y^e^ same, as to w^ch^: wee desire you to enquire & make y^e^ report to us.

Wee have been also informed y^t^ the present Padre, has presum'd to prohibite those of y^e^ Ro[man] Religion to pay due obedience to our governm^t^: commanding them in all matters of differences to make application to him, as to y^e^ verifying of w^ch^: wee desire of you to [. . .] as also in all other matters relateing to these two Padrees to enable us y^e^ better to make a true Judgment who is most fitting for y^e^ place.

Wee send you by M^r^: Haynes five thousand pag^s^: and will send you to y^e^ same amo^t^: as soon as wee can tell w^t^: rupees are in y^e^ warehouse w^ch^: is all [wee] shall be able to spare you till y^e^ arriveall of the ships w^ch^: wee expect will be early therefore wee desire you to mannage itt, soe as y^t^ you may be able to make a large investment at your place.

The sorts that the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: desires wee sent you y^e^ list out of w^ch^: wee desire you to make a good sortment as your country will afford particularly wee recommend to you neckcloths of w^ch^: wee have given M^r^: Haynes a muster some of them to be white stripes, & some red, but they must all be twisted w^ch^: your Peons & Idlers may doe.

Wee advised you yesterday that the Danes at Trincombarr, being streightly beseidged and [in] danger of looseing that place had made application [to] us for our assistance w^ch^: for severall considerations, we have thought fitt to send them a company of [foote] four gunners ammunition of all sorts upon y^e^ Sedgwick who is ordered to call in her returne at your Port on whom wee desire you to loade for this place all the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: bales you have or can gett ready by y^t^ time.

Wee have severall letters of yours by us unanswered, w^ch^: in few dayes wee will peruse and take notice of w^t^: has hitherto bin omitted, and will send you coppy's of those letters, wee rec^d^: from Anjengo & Surratt. Wee are,

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: affectionate friends,

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 12.

FORT ST. GEORGE 28TH FEBRY: 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE WORSP^LL^: MATT. MILDMAY
DEPUTY GOVERN^R^ &C^A^ COUNCILL
ATT YORK FORT.

S^rs^:

Our last to you was dated 13^th^: Octob^r^: 1698 ℔ ship Thorndon (copy whereof comes inclosed by w^ch^: ship wee sent you money, stores, & souldiers & hope you have fitted her up w^th^: pepper & dispatch'd her time enough to save her passage. rec^d^: ℔ ketch Abednego.

She not having rec^d^: any advices from you since July last was y^e^ chief reason of our sending y^e^: ketch Abednego, whom wee have hired on freight according to y^e^: inclosed terms of agreem^t^: we desire you'l use your utmost endeavours to lade her w^th^: pepper & dispatch her to us so as to arrive time enough to help to fill the ship, wee shall send home in September as [also] to prevent demorage.

On y^{e} : 9th : instant wee rec^{d} : coppies of the Comp^{s} : overland letters to Bombay dated y^{e} : 8th : & 19th : July last, wherein they advise that an Act of Parliament had passed, w^{ch} : intitles a Comp^{a} : of Merch^{ts} : by y^{e} : name of a Society to y^{e} : sole trade of the East Indies after y^{e} : Expiration of three years. The resolution of a Generall Court of adventurers, wherein they resolve to send out a considerable number of ships and a proportionable stock & that they had subscribed 315000 £ to y^{e} : new stock & that they had hopes to get y^{e} : said Act repealed at y^{e} : sitting of y^{e} : new Parliament w^{ch} : was to meet in Agu^{t} : by whom wee hope the new subscribers, and y^{e} old society will be united in one generall stock and setled by Act of Parliament w^{ch} : will be a means to prevent that confusion & disorder w^{ch} : two Interest carryed on at one and y^{e} same time must produce but w^{t} : y^{e} Issue may be is uncertaine wee therefore injoyne you to a faithfull discharge of your Duty to those who are your masters Industriously to persue their interest and not to hearken to any offers that may be made you by their adversaries let their pretences be never so specious whereof you cannot give a better demonstration then by securing 3 (or) 4000 Baharr of pepper for y^{e} Lading such ships as may be sent to your place directly from England or [from hence] w^{ch} : will undoubtedly be esteem'd by our M^{ers} : a good piece of service and rewarded accordingly & tho' by y^{e} : vessell wee cannot send you such supplies as wee would, Wee shall take care to send you sufficient stock by y^{e} : next conveyance and in y^{e} : meantime would [have] you draw Bills upon us for what sums procureable. Wee doe expect ships out very early when they arrive to send on to you kintillag'd wth : saltpetre &c^{a} : & 3 : or 400 bales to be filled up wth : pepper by whom wee shall send a large stock. The Master & mate of ketch Abednego, have three tons priviledge, wee would have you spare them that quantity of pepper they paying y^{e} : Comp^{s} : Duty of one penny ℔ pound, also to give them w^{t} : assistance you can when they request of you, Inclosed is Invoice & bill of Ladeing of ketch Abednego Amo^{t} : to pag^{s} : 1584 : 3 : 3 : Wee are,

Yo^{r} : Loveing friends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^{E} : PACQUETT.

1. Gen^{ll} : Letter to York Fort dat^{d} . y^{e} : 28th : Feb^{ry} : 169$\frac{8}{9}$.
2. Copy of a Gen^{ll} : Letter to Ditto dat^{d} : 13th : Octob^{r} : 1698.
3. Copy of a Gen^{ll} : Letter to Priamong dat^{d} : 13th : D^{o} . 1698.
4. Invoice of ketch Abednego.
5. Bill of Ladeing of Ditto.
6. Terms of Agreem^{t} : for y^{e} : freightm^{t} : of ketch Abednego.

No. 13.

To M^{R} : JOHN SLAUGHTER M^{ER} :
OF KETCH ABEDNEGO.

Having laden aboard your ketch w^{t} : design'd for York Fort, wee order you upon rec^{t} : hereof to repair aboard your ketch & wth : y^{e} : first oppertunity of wind & weather to weigh Anchor sett sayle & make y^{e} : best of your way for y^{e} : most speedy attaineing of York Fort, Bencoolen, where when arrived you are to deliver our pacquett herewth : delivered you as directed to y^{e} : Worsp^{ll} : Matt: Mildmay Deputy

Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill to whom you goe consign'd & whose [. . .] to follow, for your unladeing lading and further proceeding. Wee wish you a good Voyage & date these in Fort S^{t}: George this third day of March 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

T.P.
J.S.
W.F.
F.E.
R.B.
T.W.
M.E.

No. 14.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, MARCH 2, 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: CLAUS VOOGT GOVERN^{R}:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ROY^{LL}: DANISH
COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT TRINCOMBARR.

S^{RS}:

Wee rec^{d}: yor^{s}: acquainting us of yo^{r}: Garrison being strictly beseidged by y^{e} king of Tanjore, upon unjust pretences occasioned by y^{e} Death of y^{e} Viridore Vannague & not in y^{e} least doubting but that the cause is hon^{ble}: & just, wee have here unanimously sent you all manner of supply's y^{t}: wee are capable of affording the number of Europe men, should have bin far great^{r}: but that wee have lost many by sickness this last six months y^{e} list of men Ammunition & provisions come here inclosed & wish that they may doe yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Service answerable to y^{e} good intent wth: w^{ch}: wee send them.

S^{RS}:

Wee desire yo^{r} Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: y^{t}: as soon as y^{e} men are Landed, & y^{t} you have taken w^{t}: necessary for your occasions out of y^{e} ship y^{t} yow will return her to us, desireing y^{t} wee may ha e frequent advices from you how you succeed in this trouble some affair assureing you y^{t} our hearty wishes, are for an hon^{ble}: conclusion of itt and y^{t} not only in regard of y^{e} strict alliance between y^{e} two crowns of England, & Denmark but also y vallue wee have for yo^{r}: Roy^{ll}: Comp^{s}: interest as well as y^{e} Hon^{r}: an esteeme wee have [. . .] will induce [. . .] to contribute our utmost to reinstate you in y^{e} former peace & tranquillity. Wee recommend Cap^{t}: Delgardner to yo^{r}: favour & the rest of our Officers hopeing by their good service they will deserve it.

Wee must request of you that whereas there are severall boats belonging to our inhabitants here in your Enemy's country & places adjacent that if any of y^{e} ships Vessells or boats should meet wth: any of them Youl'e treat them as belonging to yo^{r}: freinds. Wee wish yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: all health & prosperity & good success answereable to your owne expectation & our desires, wee are,

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a} Affectionate freinds & servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 15.

TO CAP^{T}: GEORGE WESLEY, COMMD^{R}:
OF SHIP SEDGWICK.

Wee having hired your ship to carry men ammunition & provisions to Trincombarr whereof their is laden aboard soe much as designed, Wee order you

upon rec^{t}: hereof to repair aboard your ship weigh, anchor, sett saile & make y^{e} best of your way for y^{e} most speedy attaineing the port of Trincombar, where when arrived you are to deliver, all or such part of the ammunition & provisions as the Govern^{r}: & Counc^{ll}: there shall desire in doeing whereof wee desire you to be expeditious w^{ch}: when effected, you are to set saile & for [*About a line lost*] to take [in . . .] Govern^{r}: & Councill shall lade aboard you for this place, If the men wee have put aboard you^{r}: ship shall have occasion for any rice, wee desire you'le [give] them soe much as their Commd^{r}: shall require takeing his rec^{t}: for y^{e} same, for w^{ch}: wee will pay you at your returne wee wish you a good voyage, & date these in Fort S^{t}. George this 3^{d}: day of March 1698/9.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 16.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 3^{D}: MARCH 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}: MATT: MILDMAY,
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R} OF YORK FORT &C^{A} COUNCILL.

S^{RS}:

This serves only to inclose copy of M^{r}: James Sowdons acco^{t}: stated by two of this Councill, wherein there are some particulars as mention'd in said acc^{t}: w^{ch}: cannot be determin'd here being translated at York Fort. Pray lett y^{e} matter be carefully examin'd and an impartiall aco^{t}: thereof remitted us, that both the R^{t} H. C. & M^{r}: Sowdon may have Justice done them, wee are,

Yo^{r}: affectionate freinds,
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 17.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 8TH MARCH 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&C^{A} COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^{RS}:

Yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 23^{d}: of January last wee [Becd] by ship Fleetwood & y^{e}: 1000 p^{s}: gunn's [*About two lines lost.*] they advice the passing of an Act of Parliam^{t}: w^{ch}: gives y^{e} sole trade of y^{e} East Indies after the Expiration of three years to a Comp^{a}: of Merch^{ts}: by y^{e} name of a Society but that they had hopes of getting said Act repeal'd att y^{e} sitting of the new Parliament w^{ch}: was to meet in Aug^{t}: that they had subscribed £ 315,000 to y^{e} new stock wee also rec^{d}: copy of the Resolution of a Gener^{ll}; Court of adventurers wherein t'was unanimously resolved to send out a considerable number of ships & proportionable stocks, whether said Act may be repealed or not, or whether the new subscribers, and y^{e} old Comp^{a}; may be united in one generall joynt stock is uncertaine. But it behoves us in faithfullness to those who are our M^{ers}: to promote their interest by all prudent ways, w^{ch}; y^{t} wee really designe

wee can't give a better testimony of, than by procureing a large quantity of goods of y^e^ severall sorts mention'd in their List and by such methods as seem best to secure their priviledges & prevent their adversary's makeing any Investm^ts^: the most probable means for effecting the latter seem's to us to be by keeping y^e^ weavers fully & constantly employ'd, and that you may doe itt, wee shall so soone as wee are able send you soe much money as you think you can Invest this year. By this ship wee have sent you 6,000 rupees for w^ch^: Invoice & Bill of Ladeing comes inclosed. Wee must remind you of your utmost endeavours to get in w^t^: Debts to the Comp^as^: are standing out ship Humphrey & Charles is just arrived by whom have receiv^d your Generall Letter dated 7^th^. February w^th^: your answere to M^r^: Dubois's [*About two lines lost* .] to make application to joyne w^th^: [our] masters [. . .] at home.

Wee observe w^t^: you write about y^e^ impeedeing our Europe goods goeing custome free [up] y^e^ countrey w^ch^: renders them not soe vendable as [for] to facilitate w^ch^: y^e^ Presid^t^: has wrote him a lre (translate of w^ch^: comes here inclosed & wee send him a present [of] about pag^s^: 100 y^e^ particulars of w^ch^: wee referr you to the Invoice, wee all judging it more for y^e^ Comp^as^; interest to purchase his freindship now y^n^ deferr it till he sees wee have a necessity for it so would have you deliver him y^e^ present as soon as you receive it unless you have good reasons to y^e^ contrary.

Whereas you could not effect y^e^ sending up of M^r^; Noden hither wee think it y^e^ Comp^as^: interest at this present to take him into y^e^ service for that undoubtedly if any Interlopers or others should come to yo^r^: port he would be capable of doeing great prejudice to the Comp^as^: affairs, for having Lived many years at that place he must be well acquainted w^th^: all y^e^ Merch^ts^: whose integrity must not be too much depended on, for altho' you have 'em under a Contract, yet if any one comes w^th^: ready money, & offers them something more they will most certainly disappoint you of your investment besides M^r^: Noden will be able to advise strangers how to make application to y^e^ Govern^rs^: for y^e^ better negotiating their affairs to prevent w^ch^: evils wee order y^t^ you [allow . . .].

Your loveing friends,
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON.

No. 18.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 14^TH^ MAR^CH^ 1698/9.

To MESS^RS^: LOVELL & WOOLSTON MERCH^TS^:
ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^RS^:

Wee rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^ 26^th^: past, and are very glad y^t^ you have united y^e^ Merch^ts^: w^ch^: at this time will be a great service to y^e^ Comp^a^: and if there be any more standing out that are capable of giveing assistance to Interlopers or any other ships that shall come to yo^r^: port opposite to our masters interest, wee desire you would use your endeavours to conjoyne them w^th^: yo^r^: other Merchants.

From Surrat wee are now to advise you y^t^ on y^e^ 9^th^: past wee rec^d^: copy's of y^e^ R. H. Comp^s^ letter w^ch^: came overland dated in July last acquainting us y^t^ their adversarys had obtain'd an Act of Parliam^t^: for y^e^ settling of y^e^ East India trade w^ch^: is by a Genn^ll^: subscription of two millions, as a lone to y^e^ Governm^t^: unto w^ch^: our Masters have subscribed 315000£ to preserve their right of tradeing to these

parts after y^e^ expiration of three years, when by Act of Parliam^t^: they are to terminate as a Comp^a^: & the new subscribers are to commence trading hither from y^e^ 29^th^: of Septb^r^: last soe y^t^ wee may reasonably expect some of their ships on this coast in few mon^s^: before w^ch^: wee would advise you to secure a good interest w^th^: y^e^ Merch^ts^: & y^e^ Gov^r^: [*About a line lost.*] for y^e^ future over & above y^e^ 5℔ c^t^: to yo^r^: selves and y^t^ you also give him an accomodation in y^e^ ffactory he first takeing y^e^ oath of fidelity to y^e^ Comp^a^: w^ch^: comes inclos'd in another letter for y^t^ M^r^: Noden is not to see this here also comes inclos'd a letter from y^e^ Presid^t^: to M^r^: Noden of w^ch^: wee advise y^e^ writeing.

Wee here send you pag^s^: 5000 w^ch^: you must mannage so as to secure y^e^ Investm^t^: to y^t^ amo^t^: of y^e^ list you sent us, for y^t^ wee shall not be able to send you any more money till y^e^ arriveall of our Europe ships w^ch^: wee expect to be very early this year when shall send you a very large & plentifull supply, wee would have you procure a large quantity of chay goods & chints & w^t^: ever you buy of Beeteelas let y^m^: be very fine & as great a quantity of Neck cloths as possible.

Wee recommend to your frequent perusuall y^e^ R^t^: H. Comp^as^: list of w^t^: goods they desire w^ch^: you carried hence w^th^: you & y^t^ you will order matters so as to get about 50 bales ready about y^e^ begining of August when shall send you a ship to take them in her passage way to Vizagapatam.

Wee rec^d^: y^e^ 2 p^s^: of salpicadoes and expect a p^s^: w^th^: flowers of w^ch^: wee would have you gett 2 or 3 bales & it would be much better, if you would bring them to paint on fine longcloth as formerly directed.

Wee have reason to give some credit to y^e^ Surratt news you were advised of by y^e^ Dutch but hope t'will not affect us in these parts when ever you have any [*About a line lost . . .*] pattamar pray [send] to us.

Wee are inform'd y^e^ Gov^r^: [of your Fort] is a near relation of y^e^ Seer Lascarrs, w^th^: whom M^r^: Holcombe pretends a very great interest to whom wee would have you write to procure his letter to yo^r^: Govern^r^: (and send it you to deliver him, to be aiding & assisting to you in y^or^: business. Wee are,

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: Loveing freinds.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^T^ PACQUETT.

1. Generall l℔e dated 14^th^ March 1698/9.
2. Copy of said l℔e to M^r^ Noden.
3. Copy of Translate of ditto l℔e to y Govern^r^ of Metchlepatam.

No. 19.

FORT ST: GEORGE 14TH MAR. 1698/9.

To M^R^; PHILLIP NODEN.

S^r^:

Since my arriveall here I have rec^d^: severall l℔es from you & had sooner answer'd 'em but that I have been in a hurry of business from y^e^ time I came hither.

Old acquaintance has often occasion'd my having you in my thoughts w^ch^: at last has produced this Effect y^t^ I have prevailed w^th^: the Councill here to admitt you into y^e^ mannagem^t^ of y^e^ R^t^: H. Comp^s^: affairs at Metchlepatam, & accordingly wee have wrote in our Gen^ll^: letter to M^rs^: Lovell & Woolston, who are to pay you 1 ℔ cent on all future investments w^ch^: wee designe to be very considerable this is w^t^ [I can doe] for you at present, but intend in a little time much more for yo^r^ advantage.

I hope you will give such large Demonstrations of yo^{r}: dilligence & integrity so as to prevent any inconveniencies y^{t} may fall upon us for being yo^{r}: friend there will be tendered you by M^{r} Lovell an Oath of fidelity to y^{e} Comp^{a}: w^{ch}; is taken by all their servants w^{ch}: I not only expect to be done by you but be nicely kept in all respects, I recommend a hearty friendship between Mess^{rs} Lovell, Woolston & yo^{r}: selfe in w^{t} ever I can serve you, you may depend on,

S^{r}:

Yo^{r}: assured freind & humble servant.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 20.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 14TH MARCH 1698/9.

To MESS^{RS} LOVELL & WOOLSTON MERCH^{TS}:
ATT METCHLEPAT^{M}:

S^{rs}:

Wee recd: yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 26th: past and well approve of yo^{r}: uniting y^{e} merch^{ts}: & hope twill be a means for Quollo Narso's speedy complyance wth: his contract.

The list of goods y^{e} Merch^{ts}: promise to provide in 2 mon^{s}: wee very well approve of, but can't supply you at present wth: more y^{n}: 5000 pag^{s}; w^{ch}: wee now send you on y^{e} Wellcome Cap^{t}: Dixon Comm'd^{r}: as ℔ Invoice & bill of Ladeing inclosed, but upon y^{e} arriveall of y^{e} first Europe shipp wee will send you a large & plentifull supply at least pag^{s}: 15000 & hope you'le mannage affairs so as to gett 50 bales of all sorts of goods ready by y^{e} begining of Aug^{t} chay goods & paintings & Neckcloths are chiefly wanted in England, w^{t}: Beteelas you provide let them be very fine, as also any other white cloth, wee doe not observe y^{t} y^{e} Comp^{a}: in their instructions desire any fine sallampores brown, 'tis variety of goods turns to y^{e} best acco^{t}: & desire you will not forget to get 2 or 3 bales of Salpicadoes flowr'd & plaine.

Wee here send you a present for the Govern^{r}: to y^{e} amo^{t}: of abo^{t}: pag^{s}: 100 w^{ch}: wee hope will induce him to be freindly to you, and grant us our antient priviledges. Wee observe w^{t}: you write ab^{t} the merch^{ts}: refuseing to pay Dustore w^{ch}: wee wonder at, it being as due as y^{e} goods for w^{ch}: they receive our money, the paym^{t}: of w^{ch}: wee never heard was scrupled by any Merch^{ts}: before therefore wee order you to insist upon it & bring it to y^{e} Comp^{s}: acco^{t}: let all y^{e} goods be excellent good of y^{e} sort, well wash'd, well packed, & bought as cheap as possible.

Wee have thought fit to entertain M^{r}: Phillip Noden in y^{e} Comp^{s}: service whose long liveing upon y^{e} place must wth: out doubt have gain'd him great experience in y^{e} goods, & trade of those parts & wee intending as large investm^{ts}: as you can well compass, wee hope his assistance will be of greate use & service to our masters, and as a present consideration till wee can doe better for him, wee order you to allow him one ℔ cent on all future investm^{ts}: and on accommodation in the factory hopeing y^{t} his integrity and dilligence will answere this our kindness but before you entertaine him, you must administer to him an oath of fidelity to y^{e} Company w^{ch}: is taken by all their servants (copy of w^{ch}: comes here inclosed) wee are,

Yo^{r}: Loveing ffreinds.
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS [WRIGHT].
MATT: EMPSON.

List of the pacquett—.

No: 1. Gen^{l}: l̃re dated 14th: March 1698/9.
2. Invoice of treasure laden on board Wellcome.
3. Bill of Ladeing for Ditto.
4. Presid^{ts}: L̃re to M^{r}: Noden.
5. Copy of y^{e} form of y^{e} oath to be taken by M^{r} Noden.
6. Presid^{ts}: l̃re to y^{e} Govern^{r} of Metchlepatam.

No. 21.

Fort S^{t}: George 14th March 98/9.

To Boran Saib son of Abdula Saib
Govern^{R} of Metchlepatam.

'Twas y^{e} fame of yo^{r}: good Governm^{t}: as being an incourager & protector of trade induced me to send 2 persons to yo^{r}: port to inquire into y^{e} state of trade of w^{ch}: they have given me an acco^{t}: as having made some tryall thereof, y^{e} goods of yo^{r}: country seem excessive dear w^{ch}: is in some measure mitigated by yo^{r}: kind usage of w^{ch}: I desire yo^{r}: continuance, and y^{t} you'le restore our antient priviledges w^{ch}: was to have all our goods custome free in & out & w^{t}: goods wee imported to be carried up in y^{e} countrey free of custome. I remember 25 years agoe, or thereabouts y^{r}: port was y^{e} greatest place of trade in India, & hope by y^{r}: incouragem^{t}: to see it soe againe as an acknowledgm^{t}: of yo^{r}: favours & as a congratulation of y^{e} late marriage y^{t} has bin in y^{e} family I have sent you a present w^{ch}: M^{r}: Lovell & Woolston will deliver you to whom I desire yo^{r}: assistance & remain,

Yo^{r}: reall freind & servant:
Thomas Pitt.

No. 22.

Fort S^{t}: George 18: Mar: 1698/9.

To the Worsp^{LL}: Abraham Wittmont
Cheif for affairs of the R^{t}: Hon^{BLE}: Netherl^{DS}:
East India Comp^{A}: &c^{A}: Councill.

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: Letter wee rec^{d}: by our Peons who brought hither y^{e} two run away souldiers, Wee returne you our hearty thanks for yo^{r}: kind assistance in seizing them and doe assure you upon all occasions wee shall readily retaliate the favour therein done to our Comp^{a}: and,

Yo^{r}: ready freinds & humble servants.
Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 23.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 21ST: MAR: 1698/9.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: MONS^{R}: MARTIN DIRECTORE GENERALL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: EAST INDIA COMP^{A}:
OF FRANCE &C^{A}: COUNCILL RESIDEING ATT POLLICHERRY.

S^{RS}:

Wee heartily congratulate yo^{r}: returne to Pollicherry & y^{t}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a} is now in quiett possession of y^{t} place, you lost by y^{e} uncertaine fate of Warr and whereas peace begetts warr & warr peace, wee hope the latter will be preserved between y^{e} two Nations for some ages, and that wee in these remote parts from our Native Countrey will on all occasions give to each other such ample Demonstrations of an unfeigned friendship suitable to the strict alliance between the two crowns.

Wee not only give you y^{e} assurances of our services by this letter, but also send Mess^{rs}: Haynes & Farmer two of our Councill at Fort St. David to congratulate yo^{r}: restoration & receive yo^{r}: commands. Wee wish yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: all health & happiness and are,

S^{RS}:

Yo^{r} affectionate friends & humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 24.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, MARCH 24TH 1698/9.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

S^{RS}:

Wee now send you an answere to sev^{ll}: of yo^{rs}: w^{t}: wee omitted in our former letters in yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 7th you desired ten or twelve Teak timbers w^{ch}: shall be sent you as soon as an oppertunity presents for sending them.

Wee expect one of y^{e} R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: sloops from Bengall, who wee suppose may make yo^{r}: port in their way hither out of w^{ch}: would have you supply yo^{r}:selves wth: w^{t}: you want Viz^{t}: wheat, Gunny's ropes, twine & Match as for waxcloth wee expect none having store here out of w^{ch}: wee will supply you.

Wee would have you remember that there is no match in y^{s} garrison nor packing stuf so that wee shall expect our proportion of w^{t}: comes.

The quantity of minion shot you write for shall be sent you as soon as possible Jaggery happen'd to be dear this year, from 6 Pag^{s} to 7 pa: ℔ candy there having bin but little imported from y^{e} Northward y^{s} season Wee observe w^{t} you [write] about y^{e} building of a [ravelin] between y^{e} 2 points of Cuddalore & Vizapore point w^{ch}: [if] it be so indispensably necessary as you represent it wee cannot avoid giveing our approbation for doeing it tho' wee would desire to remember our masters frequent orders that wee should spend no more of y^{e} cash in fortifications.

Since writeing y^e^ foregoing By the Briggantine who is arrived here wee shall send Thompson to be an assistant to M^r^: Joseph Royer who you have entertained as Surgeon in y^e^ room of D^r^: Faucett.

Wee here send you y^e^ Assay M^rs^: report of y^e^ 17 Pag^s^: you sent us y^e^ 17^th^ March last.

Wee rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^ 17^th^ & 21^st^ Ins^t^: y^e^ latter adviseing y^e^ arriveall of y^e^ Sedgwick w^th^: you from Trincombarr, w^ch^: wee expect here in few days.

With this wee send you Copy's of y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: overland lres & y^e^ abstract of the Act of Parliam^t^: wee rec^d^: from Surratt, by w^ch^: you'le see under w^t^: circumstances our Masters affairs are in at home & their resolutions thereon, upon w^ch^: y^e^ Presid^t^: and Councill here have resolved upon makeing as large an Investm^t^: as possible in this Presidency to y^e^ end wee may secure all y^e^ Merch^ts^: and make early preparations for y^e^ number of ships the Comp^a^: intends to send us by w^ch^: means the adverse party whose ships may reasonably be expected will be disappointed of makeing any considerable investments & prevent their returning in season soe that our Master's [effects] will come to y^e^ better marquett w^ch^: may induce y^e^ other party to conjoyne w^th^: them.

Wee observe w^t^: you write about Milapa Chittee & Eram Rause their proposalls & approve of y^e^ method of their bringing in goods afterwards to receive y^e^ amo^t^: of y^e^ same w^ch^: wee advise you to conclude w^th^: 'em but to agree upon for y^e^ intrinsick vallue of each sort & not by way of advance & proportion as formerly, by w^ch^: means our Masters will be inform'd of y^e^ reall vallue of all sorts of goods & according to this method, wee have made here this years investment.

Att present wee intend to agree for an Investm^t^: at yo^r^: place but of 60,000 pag^s^: w^ch^: wee must desire you to mannage soe as that about 10,000 Pag^s^: may secure it & carry it on till y^e^ arriveall of y^e^ first ship from England for your cash here grow's very low, having considerable supplys to Metchlepatam & Vizagapatam, to keep all doeing.

Yo^r^: Bill for Pag^s^: 1,200 payable to Nath^l^: Higginson Esq^r^ shall be comply'd w^th^: Wee are also advised by our spy Braminy in y^e^ camp of y^e^ report y^t^: Selimon Cawn is speedily to be removed from y^e^ Governm^t^: of Chellumbrum, w^ch^: will be no unwellcome news to us.

Wee observe w^t^: you write relateing to y^e^ Dutch & French at Pollicherry, y^e^ latter wee think act y^e^ prudent part, for wee beleive if y^e^ Towns were in their hands y^e^ Nabob would undoubtedly, make demands upon them, & the Dutch will hereafter part w^th^: them at easie rates, when they see they are a Dead charge to them. We here send you a congratulatory letter to Mons^r^: Martin & Councill, copy of w^ch^: comes inclosed w^ch^: wee desire you to send by Mess^rs^: Haynes & Farmer & some body w^th^ it y^t^ speak's Freneh.

If the Govern^r^: of Negapatam should come to Pollicherry, wee think it necessary you should send two of yo^r^: Councill to return him our Complement insisting upon y^e^ excuses wee formerly made w^ch^: was the wet season of y^e^ year & y^e^ differences wee had w^th^: Selimon Cawn, whose Countrey y^e^ Gentlemen wee intended to have were seen to pass through.

Wee here inclose a noate of what you had out y^e^ stores here w^ch^: wee desire may be collected & brought to our creditt.

Wee rec^d^: a letter dated y^e^ 2^d^ instant from Govern^r^: Hatsell intimating to us his intentions of surrendring the Governm^t^: in order to make preparations for his Voyage to England & requesting of us to appoint one to Succeede him, w^ch^: having considered, Wee have Elected M^r^: William Fraser To be Deputy Governour of Fort S^t^: Davids, who will depart hence as soon as he can conveniently settle his affairs here w^ch^: if it be not w^th^: in y^e^ time, M^r^: Hatsell has fixed for his comeing away, Wee order y^t^: M^r^: John Hatsell receives the Governm^t^: from him & acts as Deputy Gov^r^: till the arriveall of M^r^: Fraser.

Wee also give leave for Vincaty to come away getting some body to act as Dubash till wee shall appoint a propper person from hence. M^r^: Farmer [and] M^r^: Rowland, have leave to come hither if you think fitt, and that their business will permitt them.

Wee here send you a list of w^t^: Goods wee have already agreed for w^th^: our Merch^ts^: & their prizes & would desire you to peruse y^e^ Comp^s^: list sent you, and if yo^r^: place affords different sorts from ours wee would have you make a good part of yo^r^: Investm^t^: therein, [comm :...] wee have none, & succatomes [*sic*] [. . .] wee have agreed for but one thousand p^s^: soe y^t^ you may add some more of y^t^: sort, Wee send you here two musters of Neck^s^: twisted at the Ends. that of y^e^ red, wee have not yet agreed for & the other white striped is an Experim^t^: made of 100: Pag^s^: worth by the Presid^t^: w^ch^: come out at about 18 for a pag^a^: You'le see in y^e^ Comp^as^: instructions they mention y^e^ thick sort, but that number for a pag^a^: can't be expected not only for y^e^ dearness of cotten but y^e^ length & breadth is considerably more then t'was then, Wee would desire you to get as considerable a quantity as possible you can, fine, course, red stripes, & some white, but lett all be twisted at the ends, and whereas you Dye y^e^ best blew's wee would have you Dye 3000 of the Long cloth & 2000 of the Sallampoors, a deep blew the Comp^a^: has order'd no more shirts to be sent them.

When Mess^rs^: Haynes and Farmer goes to Pollicherry wee would have them after their having bin sometime there acquaint Mons^r^: Mart[in] the agreem^t^: that was between us & the Dutch relateing to Deserters and Demand three of our Men w^ch^: have lately deserted and gone thither [. . .] their names and Lewis [. . .] Thomas Munro, John Gorden, two of 'em wee are inform'd are aboard the Admirall and the other ashoar if they are delivered up secure them till further order.

• About 4 mon^s^: since there was a black fellow sent hither by you in Irons, he lies still in y^e^ choultrey but noe body knows his crime his Ears are cut off pray give us yo^r^ answere to this in yo^r^: next. Wee are,

Yo^r^: affectionate ffriends,

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^E^ PACQUETT.

1. Copy of y^e^ R: H. C. Gen^ll^: Letter to Bombay, dated 8^th^ July 1698.
2. Copy ditto to ditto, dated 19 ^th^July 1698.
3. Abstract of an Act of Parliament for setling y^e^ East India trade.
4. Dissent of Severall Lords to the said Act.
5. Resolves of a Gen^ll^: Court of Adventurers.
6. Fort S^t^: George Generall Lett^r^: dated 21^st^ March 1698/9.
7. Assay Master his report of 17 F.S.D. Pag^s^ ;
8. Copy of F.S.G. Gen^ll^. to the French att Pollicherry.
9. List of Debts owing by Severall Souldiers at F^t^: S^t^: David.
10. List of goods agreed for in Fort S^t^: George.
11. Musters of Neckcloths.

No. 25

Fort S^{t}: George 29th: March 1699.

To the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: William Hatsell,
Esq^{r}: Deputy Governour &c^{a}:
Council att Fort S^{t}: David.

S^{rs}:

This comes by M^{r}: Wendy and M^{r}: Cranwell in Comp^{a}: of whom by 12 Peons wee have sent you 6000 Pag^{s}:

Inclosed is Invoice of w^{t}: sent you by the S^{t}: David Briggantine and the Masters receipts for he went off without signing Bills of Ladeing.

By a Danes ship called y^{e} Prince Charles arrived here last night from Trincombarr wee rec^{d}: letters from the Govern^{r}: [and] from Liev^{t}: Delgardner wherein they advise that on y^{e} 22^{d} ins^{t}: they made a sally wth: good success beating y^{e} Enemy thrice out of their trenches, but that their Black souldiers in the heat of action retreated w^{ch}: forced the Europe men to doe the like, but that their spyes inform about 100 of the Enemy's were killed and 70: wounded, on the Danes side none were killed and but 12 wounded tho' none dangerously.

Liev^{t}: Delgardner, desireing some [musquett] flints and cartridge paper for small Arms, wee herewth: send 200 flints wh^{ch}: wee desire you to send him wth: some cartridge paper.

Wee are informed that the French, bro^{t}: out a great quantity of musquett flints and that they sold 2,000 for a rupee in Bengall, wee desire you to gett 15 or 16,000 from Pollicherry if procureable.

Ship Sedgwick arrived here y^{e} 26; ins^{t}: and brought us 151 bales, Wee are,

Yo^{r}: affectionate ffriends,
Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

List of y^{e} Packuett.

1. Gen^{ll}: l^{r}e Dated y^{e} 29th March 1699.
2. Invoice of W^{t}: sent p S^{t} David Briggantine.
3. The master of D^{o} Briggantine rec^{d}: N^{o}: 1 to 5.

No. 26.

Fort S^{t}: George Mar 30th: 1699.

To the Hon^{ble}: Claus Voogt Govern^{r}:
for Affairs of the Roy^{ll}: Danish
Comp^{a}: &c^{a} Council, att Trincombarr.

S^{rs}:

Wee rec^{d}: both yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 19th & 26 Ins^{t}: & heartily congratulate y^{e} Victory you mention in yo^{r} letter you obtain'd ags^{t}: yo^{r} Enemys & hope that yo^{r}: future success will be such [as] obleidge them to implore [hon'ble] peace on yo^{r}: own term's.

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: rec^{t}: for y^{e} stores and Cap^{t} Delgardner's rec^{t}: for the arms.

Yo^{r}: Roy^{ll}: Comp^{s}: ship Prince Charles intended for Maneela shall have our utmost assistance and encouragem^{t}: to compleat her freight but y^{t} trade lyes under some discouragem^{t}: here at present, for that one of our ships arriveing here lately from Maneela gives us an acco^{t}: y^{t}: goods of this place are very cheap there besides wee have two considerable Manilla ships of this port missing till y^{e} arriveall of w^{ch}: our Merch^{ts}: will not be very forward in adventure on y^{t} voyage.

Wee here inclose to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: a list of y^{e} names of y^{e} Officers, souldiers & Gunners wth: an acco^{t}: of their monthly pay w^{ch}; was cleared to y^{e} first of this month when they were drawn out for y^{e} Expedition to you, Cap^{t}: Delgardner's name is not in the list being entertained on y^{s} occasion for your service understanding your language & custom's having for[merly] served yo^{r}: Nation in Europe, who will interpret y^{t}: list wee here inclose for w^{ch}: reason wee have not translated it.

Wee wish yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: all health & happiness & good success to yo^{r}: arms & w^{t}: ever wee can contribute thereto you may depend on for that, wee are,

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: most faithfull friends
& humble serv^{ts}:

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 27.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE APR^{LL}: 4TH 1699.

To MESS^{RS}: THOMAS LOVELL & SAM^{LL}:
WOOLSTON MERCHANTS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{RS}:

Yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 21st & one from M^{r}: Woolston dated 24th: past wee rec^{d}: y^{e} 2nd Ins^{t}: In y^{e} first you give an acco^{t}: of Cap^{t}: Dixon's arriveall at Metchlepatam in his boat having unfortunately lost his ship on Due Point and your intention of sending M^{r}: Woolston to [. . .] the saving w^{t}: on board belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: in w^{ch}: you did very well as also in procureing the Govern^{rs}: order to y^{e} Sub Govern^{r}: to give you their assistance.

M^{r}: Woolston in his lre dated 24th: advise y^{t} y^{e} treasure &c^{a} belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: & laden for yo^{r}: place & the 36 bales aurora for Bengall were all saved that had not rec^{d}: any dammage.

Wee have prevailed wth: y^{e} owners ship Sedgwick to let her touch at Metchlepatam to take in y^{e} R. H. Comp^{as}: Bales to carry them to Bengall & accordingly have ordered Cap^{t}: Dixon to deliver s^{d}: bales to you w^{ch}: wee order you to lade on board ship Sedgwick consigning y^{e} same to y^{e} Agent & Councill of Bengall, Inclosed is Cap^{t}: Dixon's 2^{d}: bill of Ladeing w^{ch}: you must endorse & deliver him when you have rec^{d}: y^{e} bales.

Demand of him our Pacquett directed to the Agent & Councill of Bengall & send it them, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRAUDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 28.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 4TH APRIL 1698/9.

TO CAP^{T}: CHRISTOPHER DIXON.

S^{r}:

Wee are sorry for y^{e} misfortune of yo^{r}: ships [running] ashoar of w^{ch}: wee are advised by Mess^{rs}: Lovell & Woolston and also y^{t} the treasure belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: &c^{a} Laden on board her for Metchlepatam & Bengall is saved having agreed wth: y^{e} owners of ship Sedgwick to let her touch at Metchlepatam in her way to Bengall to take in y^{e} 36: bales of aurora laden on board ship Wellcome for that place wee order you to deliver said bales to Mess^{rs}: Lovell & Woolston, to whom wee have sent your 2^{d} bill of Ladeing & order'd them upon receipt of y^{e} bales to Endorse y^{e} same and deliver it to you, Deliver also our pacquett directed to the Agent & Councill of Bengall that the same may be sent them by y^{e} Sedgwick, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 29.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE APRIL 4TH 1699.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: THE AGENT &C^{A}:
COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

S^{r}:

℔ Sedgwick. Our last to you was dated y^{e} 18th March ℔ship Wellcome, w^{ch}: ship (wee are advised by letters from Metchlepatam, unfortunately run ashoar on Due Point, but all her cargoe was saved.

This comes by Ship Sedgwick whose owners wee have prevailed to lett the ship touch att Metchlepatam to take in the 36 bales of Aurora that were [laden] on the Wellcome for Bengall and have ordered Messrs Lovell & Woolston to lade the same on board the Sedgwick and to consigne them to you, Wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 30.

FORT S^{t}: GEORGE APRIL 14TH: 1699.

To THE HON^{BLE}: CLAUS VOOGT GOVERN^{R}: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ROY^{LL} ⊔A: SINH COMP^{A}: &^{CA} COUNCILL ATT TRINCOMBARR.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 5 ins^{t}: & heartily congratulate y^{e} victory you obtained over yo^{r}: Enemys y^{e} 30th past wee are well pleased wth: y^{e} Character you give our men and if they behave themselves well & doe you service they answere the end for w^{ch}: wee sent them, Wee wish success to yo^{r}: arms, and an [hon^{ble}] peace, and w^{t}: wee can contribute thereunto you may depend on from us, who are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Yo^{r}: most affectionate friends
& humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 31.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE APRIL 24TH: 1699.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: CLAUS VOOGT GOVERN^{R}: FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E} ROY^{LL}: DANISH COMP^{A}: &^{CA} COUNCILL ATT TRINCOMBARR.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

Wee are inform'd that you are treating for a peace wth y^{e} king of Tanjore w^{ch}: wee wish may be [upon] hon^{ble}: Terms [. . . .] your satisfaction & if [. . .] wee desire you to returne our men to us here [. . .] as possible & whereas Cap^{t}: Delgardner is dangerously wounded wee desire you to send him to Fort S^{t} David or hither to prevent y^{e} misfortune of looseing his leg. Wee wish yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: all prosperity and are

S^{rs}:
Yo^{r}: most faithfull friends
& humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 32.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE APRIL 25TH 1699.

TO THE R^{T} : WORSP^{ll} : WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^{R} :
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R} : OF FORT S^{T} : DAVIDS &C^{A} : COUNCILL.

S^{R}:

You were formerly advised y^{t} M^{r} : Fraser would set out hence y^{e} 26th instant in y^{e} Evening but upon some news from y^{e} camp, wee have thought fitt to adjourne itt for some few days. Arma John being at the camp writes to Coja Safter here that there is an Armenian come thither from the kings camp who tells him y^{t} just as he left it there was three Goosbardars dispatch'd to Suratt, Bengall & other p^{ts} : commanding his Govern^{r} : to Interdict all trade wth : Hattmen, and that day Arma John dispatch'd his lre in the morning the Nabob rec^{d} : y^{e} Kings Phirmaund w^{ch} : after he read putt itt up and not gave it the Bux &c^{a} as usuall that Evening Arma John wth : Mahomud Saddock the Nabobs Jewder (who generally resides here who told him that y^{e} Nabob had orders to make warr upon the Europeans, you were best [. . . . . .] soe they may [. . . . .] goods as fast as they come of the loome, Wee will answere yo^{r} : Letters by M^{r} : Fraser and give our opinions as to the particulars of the contract, yo^{r} : Sallampores are certainly too great a quantity here is come yesterday morning to trivilycane wth : a pretence of seeing the sea, and the pagodae one Raising wth : about 400 Horse & 300 ffoote, wee are all upon our guard tis hoped he will be gone in few days. wee are

Yo^{r}. Loveing friends
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 33.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 30TH : APRIL 1699.

TO THE DEPUTY GOVERN^{R} : & ^{CA} COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

S^{RS} :

Yo^{rs} : of y^{e} 25th wee have rec^{d} : Inclos'd is a coppy of a Lre wee rec^{d} : from y^{e} Gen^{ll} : &c^{a} dated 28th Feb^{ry} last & a parag : of another from Ditto dated 30th March by y^{e} former you will perceive w^{t} : troubles they have had at Suratt on acco^{t}: of the Pyratt's and by the latter w^{t} : may be expected all over the Mogulls Dominions, and wee are apprehensive that yo^{r}: place nor this will not be long free for that wee are inform'd Jemzier Cawn is order^{d} : to Chellumbrum wth : a considerable number, both of horse and ffoote and on Thursday last Dow'd Cawn, came to S^{t} : Thoma wth: about 200 men under pretence of comeing to see the sea, but w^{t} : his reall designs are is uncertaine our last letters from y^{e} Camp advise that the Nabob had pitch'd his Tent on Conjeveron road & design'd to march suddainly but twas not known whether or [on] w^{t} : designe and that 10 or 20 Horsemen marched out of the camp every [. . . .] could not inform [. . .] self whether they went. Wee are useing our endeav[our] to put our selves into y^{e} best posture of defence and desire you to doe y^{e} like wth : all expedition [to prevent] surprize.

Wee are in great want of match & [fire] wood therefore desire you to supply us wth : as much of [both] as you can procure hireing boats to bring it hither.

Wee would have you make as much powder as you can for that wee have not soe greate a store as wee ought for want of charcoale to make it.

Send us a list of yo^{r}: Garrison stores particularly y^{e} quantity of powder & number of serviceable match & firelock musquetts. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends

Send us about a boat of charcoale for to make powder.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 34.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYRE K^{T}:, GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA &C^{A} COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY. FORT S^{T}. GEORGE MAY 2^{D}: 1699.

S^{rs}:

Yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 28 of Feb^{ry} & 30th: of March & copy of on[e] dated the 4th October the originall whereof never came to our hands, wee have rec^{d}: ℔ship Nonesuch.

Before wee could obtaine the Nabobs perwanna for Fort S^{t}: David it cost our masters near 15,000 Pag^{s}:

Wee did receive from M^{r}: Brabourne, &c^{a}., Copys of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}; overland lres of y^{e} 8th & 19th July abstract of the Act of Parliament, & the Resolves of the Generall Court of the Adventurers wherein they seem resolved to send out a considerable number of ships and a proportionable stock whose arriveall wee daily expect, and in order to make provision of goods for Ladeing them home have made contracts on this coast for about 250,000 Pa^{s}: and question not but to give them timely dispatches if not prevented by troubles from y^{e} Governm^{t}:

On y^{e} 7th feb^{ry}: last the Tavestock was dispatched from Bengall for England wth: a Cargoe amo^{tg}: to above ten & halfe lack of rup^{s}: and on y^{e} 22^{d}: Ditto wee dispatched the Martha full laden from hence her Cargo amounting to 120,000 Pag^{s} on y^{e} former Agent Eyre, tooke his passage and on y^{e} latter the late president Yale. The Anna also sailed from Bengall y^{e} last of feb^{ry} wth: a Cargoe of above $3\frac{1}{4}$ lack of rup^{s}; w^{ch} tho' late, she being an Excellent sailor, question not but she will save her passage about y^{e} Cape, soe that wee have [none] of y^{e} Comp^{s}: ships remaineing on this side India but daily expect y^{e} arriveall of some from England.

Wee shall send y^{e} Agent &c^{a}: of Bengall Copys of yo^{r}: letters by y^{e} first conveyance as wee have long since done of those papers wee rec^{d}: from Anjengo.

Wee are heartily sorry for those troubles they meet wth: at Surrat on acco^{t}; of the pirats, but by w^{t}: means to remedy them wee cannot tell nor how to prevent those wee are apprehensive of in these p^{ts}: for wee doe not see y^{e} least probability of Extirpating the Piratts, whose number[s] daily increase wee have lately rec^{d}; advise of a pink of about 300 Tons Thom^{s}: Gullock Commd^{r}: that came out an Interloper whose Comp^{a}: when y^{e} Cap^{t} & Supra Cargoe were gone ashoar on the [Island] of Pullanays run away wth: y^{e} vessell & are turn'd piratts.

Wee observe w^{t}: you write about the Mogulls having issued out orders for stopping all trade here w^{ch}; orders, wee beleive Zulpaker Cawn has rec^{d}; and by y^{e} motions of his army & advices from y^{e} Camp have too much reason to suspect he design's to put 'em in execution wee are makeing y^{e} best preparation wee can for our defence.

This comes by an Armenian Cossett soe that wee have not time before its departure to Examine Mr: Sherrors' business but shall remit an accot: thereof by the next, wee are

Srs:

Yor humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 35.

To the HONBLE: STEPHEN COLT PRESIDT: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT HONBLE: ENGS: EAST INDIA COMPA: &CA: COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

FORT ST: GEORGE MAY 2D 1699.

Srs:

Yors: of ye 17th March last ℔ Nonesuch wee recd: the 26th past, wth: ye copys of yors: dated 28 Xber & 2d Janry: the originalls whereof wee recd: overland ye 10th: Febry: but that of ye 20th: of October never came to our hands.

Wee are heartily sorry for the troubles you meet wth: on accot: of the piratts and the impedimt: our Masters affairs are likely to suffer, but how to prevent either wee can't tell nor can wee see any probability of extirpating the Piratts for that their numbers daily increase wee have lately recd: advice of a pink of about 300 Tons Thoms: Gullock Commdr: yt came out an Interloper whose Compa: when the Capt: and supra Cargoe were gone ashoare on ye Island Pullanays run away wth: the vessell and are turn'd piratts.

Wee are very apprehensive of trouble on ye same accot: it being reported yt Zulphaker Cawn is ordered to come against this place, & severall great officers have lately come near it under pretence of comeing to see the sea but wt their reall designs are is uncertaine. Wee are making ye best provision wee can for our defence.

On ye 7th: febry: last ship Tavestock was dispatched for England from Bengall wth: a Cargoe amots: to above ten & half lack of rups: and on ye 20th Ditto wee dispatch'd the Martha full laden from hence her cargoe amounting to about 120000 pags: on the former Agent Eyre, tooke his passage & on ye latter the late President Yale. The Anna also sailed for Engld the last of Febry: wth: a cargoe of above $3\frac{1}{4}$ lack rups: so that wee have none of the Comps: ships on this side India but daily expect the arriveall of some from Engld: wee wish yor: Honr: &ca may receive noe further trouble. Wee are

Srs:

Yor: affectionate friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 36.

To the Hon^{ble}: Mons^{r}: Martin Directore
&c^{a} Councill att Pollicherry.

Fort S^{t}: George May [...] 1699.

S^{rs}.

Wee rec^{d} the Hon^{r}: of yo^{rs}: by those worthy Gentlemen Mess^{rs} De S^{t}: Mare & 'De Chalonge who gave us large assurances of yo^{r}: friendship to our satisfaction w^{ch}: on our side wee shall endeavour to preserve having an unexpressible vallue & honour for y^{e} same wee wish yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: all health and prosperity and are

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: most obleidged & obedient servants

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 37.

To William Fraser Esq^{r} Deputy Govern^{r}
&c^{a} Councill att Fort S^{t} Davids.

Fort S^{t} George 15th May 1699.

S^{rs}:

Yo[u]: receive this by William Fraser Esq^{r}: who wee send to succeed William Hatsell Esq^{r}: as Deputy Govern^{r}: of Fort S^{t} Davids as youl'e see by our Commission given him to w^{ch}: wee referr you.

Wee not only expect from you Gentlemen of the Council that you pay him all due respect but that you informe him to the utmost of your power & endeavours of the present state of the Comp^{s}: affairs & that you give him yo^{r}: advice & assistance in y^{e} good mannagement thereof, Wee cheifely recommend to you the retrenchm^{t}: of expences the encrease of trade [and Revenues] as also the good sortment of yo^{r}: Goods washing and packing.

The number of the Councill & their station is order'd in the Commission, and the reason of our posting M^{r}: Robert Cranwell as he now stands is grounded upon a petition he presented us (copy of w^{ch}: and our result comes inclosed. But if at any time it shall be made appeare to us that he is not capacitated or qualifyed for y^{t}: post wee shall reduce him, or any other wth: out regard to their seniority for that wee will not permitt the Comp^{s}: affairs to suffer thro' the imbecillity or neglect of dischargeing the Duty of any of their servants.

The 17 pag^{s}: you sometime since sent us to bee assay'd was very strictly inspected by our assay Master therefore if you have the same number sealed up & coyned at the same time wee desire you to send 'em hither & one of yo^{r}: mint wth: them.

Wee sent M^{r}: Haynes's paper to Bengall relateing to the silk wormes an answere to w^{ch}: wee here send you.

Wee likewise inclose y^{e}: Journall & cells of M^{r}: Haynes's Debt to the Company to w^{ch}: wee expect his answere or his paym^{t}: of y^{e} same into their cash.

The Govern^{r}: here wth: y^{e}: advice of councill has wrote severall letters to the Nabob &c^{a}: concerning Mollem's Ellephants upon w^{ch}: here has been reports that there was possitive orders given for y^{e}: restoreing the two that are alive the [other] 'tis said is dead.

Wee send you by M^{r}: ffraser pag^{s}: 2000 and shall send you about 3000 more by the Loy^{ll}: Cap^{t}: Wee think yo^{r}: quantity [of Sa]lampores to [. . .]

w^ch^: wee would have reduced to about 12000 & the quantity of Longcloth increased and wee desire you [to get] procureing w^t^: neckcloths possibly you can & lett them bee twisted.

Wee rec^d^: the match you sent us w^ch^: weigh^d^: but 9: 16: 10 and the 114 firelocks w^ch^: shall be fitted and return'd you as soon as possible and will send you 20 candy of saltpetre for that you ought not to have less in store then 100 candy of powder wee desire you to send us ten candy more of match and the charcoale but see y^t^: it is y^e^: best sort for powder wee daily expect the firewood w^ch^: if it bee cheap send us at least 300,000 billetts.

Wee take notice of w^t^: you write of the Dutch Godowne being in the middle of one of y^e^: streets at Tevenapatam, and that if you should come to action it would impeede the cleareing the streets w^th^: yo^r^: cannon. We would have you represent it to them, who it may bee will give their consent for y^e^: pulling it downe otherwise we shall thinke of some Effectuall way to answere our end.

Wee here inclose the proceedings of Court against Pangle Jango by w^ch^: you'le perceive y^t^: Judgment is given against him for pag^s^: 289: 11: 29 due to John Styleman Esq^r^: w^ch^: wee order to bee demanded of him, and if he refuses or delays paym^t^: that he bee secured there or sent hither. We are

Yo^r^: humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Generall Letter dated 15^th^: May 1699.
2. Robert Cranwell's request.
3. M^r^: Halseys relation concerning silk wormes.
4. Journall parcells relateing to John Haynes.
5. Ditto account currant.
6. Proceedings of the Mayors Court against Jango.

No. 38.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE MAY Y^E^: 16^TH^: 1699.

To MESS^RS^: LOVELL & WOOLSTON
ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^RS^:

Wee rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^: 2^d^: instant w^th^: y^e^: inclosed papers relateing to the ground rent for part of the Comp^s^: ffactory w^ch^: wee will consider off and very speedily give 'em answere.

Yo^rs^: of y^e^: 14^th^: past w^th^: y^e^ Vizagapatam pacquett is miscarried into w^ch^: wee would have you strictly enquire. Wee observe M^r^: Noden do's not signe the Gen^ll^: letter w^th^: you, w^th^: all speed send us coppies of the Pacquett lost and hasten the getting in of the investment for that wee now expect ships every day. Wee are

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: assured friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 39.

To William Fraser Esq^{r} ; Deputy
Governour &c^{a} Council att Fort
S^{t} : Davids.

Fort S^{t} : George 23^{d} : May 1699.

S^{rs} :

Wee rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of y^{e} : 16th: instant wth : y^{e} : invoice of small armes & match. Overland.

Wee daily expect the arriveall of our Europe ships and as any call on you wee would have you send w^{t} : bales you [have] then ready [hither] you can contrive for her to take in w^{t} : firewood wee have ready att that time but for that you must [. . .] ship wth : treasure.

Wee shall pay the three bills drawn on us for pag^{s} : 2340 as soon as presented and due & you may draw on us for 2000 more for that the Loy^{ll} : Cap^{t} : does not proceed on her intended Voyage to Acheene.

Saltpetre wee shall send you 20 tons as soon as possible the sorts of paper you want wee can't supply you wth : till y^{e} : arriveall of the shipps. Wee are

Yo^{r} : humble servants
Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 40.

Fort S^{t} : George 29th : May 1699.

To the R^{t} : Worsp^{ll}: John Beard
Esq^{r} : Agent &c^{a} Council off
Bengall.

S^{rs} :

Our last was y^{e} : 4th : April ℔ ship Sedgwick since w^{ch} : wee have rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of y^{e} : 17th : Feb^{ry} & 15th : & 16th : March last wth : y^{e} : severall papers according to list.

Wee are glad to hear that you have dispatcht the Tavestock, & Anna, wth : full and rich ladings & wish them a safe arriveall wth : our masters.

Wee heartily congratulate M^{r} : Beards accession to the Agency & wish him success in the mannagemen^{t} : of the R^{t} . Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : affairs under his direction.

The Chutanutta Buoyer so soon as unladen, was according to yo^{r} : desire put up to sale by outcry & [sold for] 300 pag^{s} : w^{ch} : sume is brought to the credit of Bengall Agency.

Our accomptant has not yet leisure to examine the acco^{ts} : you remitted us wth : our Booke w^{ch} : when done will advise you whether they agree or not.

The price of the broad cloth &c^{a} : was very low, but you adviseing us in yo^{r} : letter y^{e} : 18 : November last to have contracted wth : Coja Surhaud Israel for 100,000 rup^{s} : worth & desireing it might be sent by the first oppertunity, wee accordingly did send it, not knowing but your contract for it was possitive, the proviso you mention (if wee could not dispose of it at a better rate) not being inserted in said letter.

Inclosed are cop^{s} : of 2 lres wee rec^{d} : from y^{e} : Generall &c^{a} : dated 28th : feb^{ry} : & 30th : March last and one from y^{e} : President & Council of Surrat dated y^{e} : 17th : March, wherein they give a large acco^{t} : of y^{e} troubles they have had and are like to meet wth : on acco^{t} : of y^{e}: piratts and wee were apprehensive of trouble here from y^{e} : Governm^{t} : on the same acco^{t} : being advised that the Nabob had rec^{d} : orders from

the King to stop all trade, and severall of the most considerable officers in his army came hither under pretence of seeing the sea tho' wee have reason to beleive their reall designs were to give us trouble w^ch^ : probably was diverted by seeing that wee were Jealous of them, and upon our guard to prevent surprizalls & since they are all return'd to y^e^ : camp, from whence wee are advised by our spies, that the King hath sent severall Goozbardars to call the Nabob & other great officers to him, but that they all delay goeing.

Wee are makeing the [best pro]vision wee can for ladeing home such of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : ships as shall be ordered for this Coast, and hope if they receive in time to dispatch one from hence directly for England in September. The want of packing stufe is a great disappointment to us not having sufficient wherew^th^ : to Embale our goods wee must therefore desire you to send us some w^t^ : y^e^ severall other stores wrote for by the first oppertunity.

Wee have remitted the acco^t^ : you sent us relateing to M^r^ : Haynes to Fort S^t^ : David to w^ch^ : he promises an answere, but objects against them as defective in particulars, wee therefore desire you will send us y^e^ particulars of his acco^t^ : out of yo^r^ : book's F. F. soe soon as you can.

By the people belonging to an Armenian ship w^ch^ : arrived here from Surratt the 20^th^ : ins^t^ : wee are advised of the arriveall of the Shrewsbury Gally there who brought a pacquett for M^r^ : Lucas & is reported to belong to the new Society & some of them say the Govern^r^ : had forced a sume of money from y^e^ President, w^ch^ : if true, tis probable M^r^ : Lucas hath by declareing that the Comp^a^ : is disolved and a new one Established strove to incense the Govern^r^ : against us the more easily to effect his own designs they alsoe advise that the Shrewsbury Gally's men reported y^t^ : they came out in company w^th^ : 12 saile of men of warr & merch^t^ : men bound for India, but their vessell being an extraordinary sailor left them wee have noe advices from y^e^ President &c^a^ : , therefore can't tell [. . .] creditt to give to these reports, wee are

S^rs^ :

Yo^r^ : affectionate friends and servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 41.

FORT ST : GEORGE MAY 31ST 1699.

To M^ssrs^ : LOVELL & WOOLSTON
AIT METCHLEPATAM.

S^rs^ :

Our last was dated 16^th^ : ins^t^ : & on y^e^ 17^th^ : wee rec^d^ : yo^rs^ : dated 3^d^ : & 12^th^ : April w^th^ : y^e^ Vizagapat^m^ : Pacquet mentioned in our last to be miscarried.

Wee approve of your concludeing the contract w^th^ : yo^r^ : merch^ts^ : and must require you to use yo^r^ : utmost endeavours for getting a good number of bales ready by y^e^ midle of July for that wee designe then to send one of the expected Europe ships to fetch them, Wee have discoursed Narran concerning his promise made the Merchants for their being exempted from a Dustore, and he declares that he never made them any such promise but [on] certaine conditions w^ch^ : were not then excepted, nor can wee remitt it.

Since you advise M^r^ : Noden has accepted our offer & taken y^e^ oath of fidelity to y^e^ Comp^a^ : wee can't understand the reason why he do's not signe the Letters.

Wee are glad our present to the Govern^{r}: was acceptable, and has y^{e} designed effect w^{ch}: was to engage his friendship & thereby prevent any infringment of our proceedings.

Wee think you did well in selling all the lead & broad [cloth] together and shall send you no more of the latter till further advises from you, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^{s}: WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON.

No. 42.

FORT ST: GEORGE JUNE 2^{D} 1699.

To MESS^{RS}: LOVELL & WOOLSTON
MERCH^{TS}: ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{RS}:

Since ours of y^{e} 31st past here is arrived y^{e} Neptune Cap^{t}: Lesly from England who wee designe to bee the pepper ship and in 15 days time shall dispatch her to you to take in w^{t}: bales you have ready.

By this conveyance Cap^{t}: Phrip wee have sent you for the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Acco^{t}: Pag^{s}: 2500 for w^{ch}: is here inclosed a bill of Ladeing & M^{r}: Eustaces's order for you to draw a bill on us for w^{t}: cash you have of his.

Wee have advise that there is an opposite interest sett up against our M^{ers}: in England who this season designe ships out for all parts and in order to prevent their effecting any thing considerable wee think it necessary to settle for y^{e} present, two of y^{e} Comp^{s}: servants att Madapollam & immediately to make an investment wth: y^{e} Madapollam Merch^{ts}: who in March last wrote us about it their lre & translate wee here inclose and y^{e} Madapollam Musters shall be sent you by the Neptune on whom wee shall send you some money and a factor or two more of the Comp^{s}; and in the meanetime. [. . .] would have you send M^{r}: Woolston with about 6 peons to keep possession of the Comp^{s} Factory at Madapollam ordering him to hoist a S^{t}: George's flagg as formerly at Emaldee putting a person to looke after it & y^{t}: you alsoe hoist the same flag at Metchlepatam and you must likewise use your endeavours to prevent their having any footeing at Pettipollee.

The Company writes very earnestly for the following goods viz^{t}:

Beeteela's Golcondah.
Podovetzs Betteelas.
D^{o}: Gunapore.
D^{o}: Rowalue.
D^{o}: Tarnattana.
Dimitty's fine & course.
Sheets Gingham.

If you could gett 5 or 10 bales of each sort it would be of great service to the Comp^{a}: who write us that shaded thin muslin is now much in request in England therefore would have yo^{r}: beetteelas to be as many of y^{t}: sort as possible.

Wee designe in few days to send downe Narran againe to yo^{r}: assistance and by y^{e} first boat which will be in 2 or 3 days shall send you a bill of Exchange for 3000 pag^{s}: you must bestir yo^{r}: selves & use yo^{r}: utmost endeavours to prevent

the new adventurers factors, makeing any investment or obtaineing a settlement for should they doe either t'would Justly create a jealousey in our Masters y^t^ wee had either connived at w^t^: they did or assisted them in it besides the disgrace to us all if persons just on their comeing into the countrey should be able to vye w^th^: us in any respect who have such considerable settlement [. . .] such interest w^th^: y^e^ Govern^r^. Wee are

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: assured friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Generall lre dated 2^d^ June 1699.
2. Bill Ladeing for treasure laden on ship Thankfull.
3. M^r^: Eustace his order to Mess^rs^: Lovell &c^a^:
4. Letter from y^e^ Merch^ts^: at Madapollam to the President &c^a^:
5. Translate of D^o^: Letter.

No. 43.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE JUNE 2^D^ 1699.

To M^R^: SIMON HOLCOMBE &c^A^ COUNCILL
FOR THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: COMP^s^: AFFAIRS
ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^rs^:

Wee rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^ 4^th^ April & observe the investment you have made in strip't Betteelas w^ch^: wee hope are fine, thin & shady, y^t^ sort both plaine & stript are most in demand at present in England having been advised thereof lately from our Masters, by their ship Neptune Cap^t^: Lesly Commd^r^ who arrived here y^e^ last of past month who left England y^e^ 14^th^ Jan^ry^: last & brings us an acco^t^: of 6 ships more of our masters comeing for the Coast & Bay.

This ship wee designe for Engl^d^: in September & in about 15 days intend to dispatch her hence for Metchlepatam, where she is to take in w^t^: bales are ready & then to proceede to yo^r^: port on w^ch^: ship wee intend to send you about 10,000 pag^s^: a moyetye of w^ch^: shall be rup^s^: as you desire.

Wee hope you have all things in such [readiness] by the time of her arriveall w^th^: you as y^t^ youl'e dispatch her to us againe at furthest by y^e^ 20^th^: of Aug^t^: wee must desire you to send us up by that ship good store of Gunney's of y^e^ best sort, ropes & twine without w^ch^: wee shall not be able to embale the Comp^s^: goods here.

Tis confirm'd to us by that ship what wee formerly advised you of a society setting up ags^t^: our Masters and that some of their ships will be out this season, w^ch^: all of us in discharge of our trust, must use our utmost endeavours to prevent their making investments or settlements.

If yo^r^ Godown's are in soe miserable a condition as you represent them wee then think it necessary that you repair them so far as to prevent y^e^ Comp^s^: goods being damaged.

Wee must remind you to gett in the Comp^{s}: Debts w^{ch}: wee hope to hear you have already done in good part if not all, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 44.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JUNE 2^{D}: 1699.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}: MATT: MILDMAY DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}: OF YORK FORT &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

S^{rs}:

Cap^{t}: Phrip being bound on a voyage to Bengall and Acheen & probably from thence to yo^{r}: port before he returns hither, wee have agreed wth: him that in case he calls there & you have a quantity of Pepper in yo^{r}: Godowns w^{ch}: you can spare us, that he shall bring the same hither on freight [. . for the] R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: [at 16] ℔ cent w^{ch}: is a reasonable rate and therefore [desire] you to lade on him for this place so much as you can spare w^{ch}: will help us to fill up the many ships designed for this coast of w^{ch}: one called the Neptune arrived here the 31st past, wee are

Yo^{r}: humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^{s}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 45.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JUNE 3^{D}: 1699.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYRE GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

S^{rs}:

Since ours to you of y^{e} 2^{d}: of May here arrived from England, the Neptune Cap^{t}: Lesly the ultimo D^{o}: burthen 275 tons she left the Downs the 14th: Jan^{ry}: and came thr'ô, w: thout touching, her Invoyce amo^{ts}: to in Bullion lead cloth & stores £[*Lacuna in the original*] & brings an acco^{t}: of six ships more bound to this place & the Bay, with a stock of £200,000 to y^{e} latter & £100,000 to us and that the Bedford, Charles the 2^{d}: & Hampsheire were Entertain'd for Suratt.

According to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: order wee send you a copy of their Generall lre to us dated the 30th: of December.

Wee have not time at present to send you all papers relateing to M^{r}: Sherror's business but inclose his affidavit to the most materiall part wth: his acco^{t}: wth: the Gentlemen at Persia.

Wee advised you in our former that severall [party's] of the army were hovering about this place & the most considerable Generalls wth: them who pitch'd their tents in our bounds & brought wth: them a recommendatory lre from the Nabob, by their action wee are Jealous that they come to view the avenues, & y^{e} out fortifications, having severall months agoe bin informed that they intended to attack this place in y^{e} mon^{s}: of October & November, being a season that noe ships can lye in the roade to carry of the Riches of the [Place]. Wee are makeing the best provision wee can against y^{t} time, and are fortifying the Black Towne at the charge of y^{e} inhabitants, thô our Masters have sent us no arms & but two men both w^{ch}: wee extreamly want.

When Selimon Cawn surprized Cuddalore he drove away 3 Ellephants belonging to one of the inhabitants w^{ch}: Arma John when he was in the camp, & spent soe much money could not gett them restored but having lately importuned the Nabob by Letters and some of the considerable men in the Camp wee have at last got them to be restored, on[e] being Dead the other two were delivered us some few days since wth:out any charge w^{t}: construction to put upon this favour wee can't immagine.

This ship Neptune wee hope to dispatch hence for England in September wth: a very good cargoe wee rec^{d}: the bale of saloo's you sent us by the Nonesuch.

Letters from Zulphaker Cawn's camp advise that the king hath sent severall Goozburdars to call the Nabob to Court and that he is seemingly prepareing for his Journey but 'tis beleived by most y^{t} he will not goe at last.

June the 5th:

Yesterday in the after [noon .] ship Benjamin Cap^{tn}: John Brown Commd^{r}: arrived from Cadiz w^{ch}: brings us noe further advice then w^{t}: rec^{d}: ℔ the Neptune.

Wee are

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Copy of Comp^{s}: Generall dated 30th: December 1698.
2. Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: lre dat^{d}: 3^{d} June 1699 to Bombay.
3. Copy of D^{o}: dated 2^{d} May 1699.
4. Copy of D^{o}: to Surrat 2^{d} May 1699.
5. M^{r}: Sherrors acco^{t}:
6. D^{os}: affidavit relateing to D^{os}: acco^{ts}:

No. 46.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 5TH JUNE 1699.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE, &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT ANJENGO.

S^{RS}:

Inclosed is a pacquett for Bombay or Surrat, w^{ch}: a conveyance offers first for.

On y^{e} ultimo last month arrived here Ship Neptune Cap^{t} Lesly Commd^{r} who left England y^{e} 14th Jan^{ry} & yesterday ship Benjamin Cap^{t}: Brown Com^{dr}: the latter came in Comp^{a}: wth the Sidney Cap^{t} Grantham Commd^{r}: and the Josia Cap^{t}: Strutton from Cadiz & parted about 8 weeks agoe they being bound directly for Bengall for w^{ch}: place the Gracedieu Cap^{t}: Murrill sailed a fortnight before the Neptune left England and wee are advised by the Comp^{a}: that they had Entertain'd the Bedford, Charles the 2^{d}: & Hampsheir for Surratt & that the Northumberland Gally sailed from Cadiz the 29th: October for Bombay. Wee are

S^{RS}:
Yo^{r}: humble servants
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 47.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 6TH JUNE 1699.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: JOHN BEARD ESQ^{R}:
AGENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

S^{RS}:

Our last was dated y^{e} 29th past by ship Sirian Merch^{t}: on y^{e} 31st: D^{o} ship Neptune Cap^{t}: Lesly Commd^{r}: arrived here from England and on y^{e} 4th instant ship Benjamin Cap^{t}: Browne the former advises that the Gracedieu Cap^{t} Merrill sailed from England directly for Bengall a fortnight before he left it w^{ch}: was on y^{e} 14th Jan^{ry}: last and the latter that the Sidney Cap^{t}: Grantham & Josia Cap^{t} Strutton came in Comp^{a}: wth: him for Cadiz and parted about 6 weekes agoe these two ships being bound directly for yo^{r}: port, where wee hope they are all safely arrived, Besides the ships aforemention'd the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: advise that they designe the [Scepter] for this place and the East India Merch^{t}: for the Bay.

Inclosed is a copy of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Generall lre to us dated 30th Decemb^{r}: 1698.

Wee hope to dispatch the Neptune directly for England in Septb^{r}: and our present thoughts are to send the Benjamin to Bengall to take in saltpetre, & to be filled up wth: provisions wee are

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends
& servants
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 48.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 9TH JUNE 1699.

TO MESSRS. LOVELL &C^{A} FFACTORS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{r}:

Wee have paid Narraine 3400 pag^{s}: and taken y^{e} inclosed bills for y^{e} same payable to yo^{r} Selves at three days sight, advise us if they are not punctually comply'd wth: for that our agreement wth: Narraine [. . . is] in case they are not, hee is to repay the moneys wth: countrey Interest, wee are

Yo^{r}: Assured ffriends to serve you

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 49.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 12TH JUNE 1699.

TO WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}: DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}: &C^{a}: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{t}: DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Overland. Yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 24th: May 2^{d} & 3^{d} instants wee have rec^{d}: wth: Invoice & bill of Ladeing for 58 bales Laden on the Benjamin & y^{e} reasons you have not rec^{d}: answere to y^{m} sooner was occasion'd by the Presid^{ts}: Indisposition.

If M^{r}: Cranwell is satisfyed wth: the station he is in, wee are so too.

Wee have writ to the Agent &c^{a} of Bengall for a more perticular acco^{t}: of M^{r}: Haynes Debt out of their Book's F F w^{ch}: when rec^{d}: will bee remitted him.

ffifty candy of powder is two small a store for yo^{r}: Garrison and if you want Godowne room to keep more wee think you must finish that you have begun in y^{e} doeing thereof be as frugall as possible.

You ought [not to] permit any powder to be made wth: in yo^{r} bounds, but w^{t} is for the Comp^{a}: out of whose store you may supply those that have occasion whereby you will have a vend for powder y^{t} has bin long made.

M^{r}: Styleman is not satisfyed wth: w^{t}: you have done in relation to Jango nor have you complyed wth: the order in ours of y^{e} 15th May w^{ch}: was if he refused or delayed paym^{t} to secure him there, or send him hither, and not to take security for his appearance.

Yo^{r}: reasons for the Deputy Governours not receiving the cash seem to us very odd because every mon^{s}: acco^{t}: ought to be ballanced by the last day of the month or y^{e} first of the next and the Ballance remaineing in cash carried to that months acco^{t}: & not to enter in the acco^{t}: for April any sums rec^{d}: in May such entreys being irregular.

The number of Comp^{s}: servants at yo^{r}: place are as [m]any now as wee doe find by the lists have bin at any one other time, and more then the Comp^{a} think necessary for carrying on their business at yo^{r}: place. Wee are glad to hear so good a character of M^{r}: Bugden & question not but you will give him suitable encouragem^{t}: when oppertunity offers, wee know not of gratuities allowed to the Sec^{rys}: Employ at any other place besides fort S^{t}: George w^{ch}: was order'd by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as a reward for his Extraordinary trouble in the dispatch of ships.

It is very satisfactory to us to hear yo^{r}: Generall Book's are so well kept up and hope they will be copied & remitted hither time enough to send home wth: ours [. . .] send us soe soon as you can y^{e} remainder of yo^{r}: acco^{t}: curr^{t}: which shall be examined wth: our Books and y^{e}: difference if any advised you.

You may let out the grounds wth: in the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: bounds for one, two or three years w^{ch}: you shall Judge most for their Interest but wee hope you will bring it up to, If not exceed w^{t}: formerly lett for w^{ch}: was near 10,000 chuckrums.

M^{r}: Berlu shall return to you very speedily. Inclosed is a Generall l̃re from y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to yo^{r}: place dated y^{e} 28th October 1698. Also the copy of theirs to us of y^{e} same Date.

The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: have sent us out no manner of factors provisions by either of these two ships of w^{ch}: wee are in as great want as you nor doe wee know where to procure any, but if wee can buy any shall send you some.

The money you drew upon us ℔ bills will wee hope be sufficient to carry on yo^{r} Investments till wee can send a larger supply w^{ch}: is design'd you ℔ y^{e} Brigg antine or Benjamine y^{e} latter will bring you y^{e} saltpetre &c^{a} desired except packing stufe whereof wee have none but w^{t}: is bought [here] at Dear rates, take in w^{t}: bales ready and y^{e} charcoale & firewood of w^{ch}: wee desire a good quantity may be got ready.

Wee shall not detaine Rama Linga the cheife of your mint longer then necessary.

Thô wee would upon all occasions avoid expending our masters money yet wee think y^{e} rebuilding y^{e} wall of yo^{r}: ffort whereof you advice apart [. . .] down is to be absolutely necessary y^{t} it cannot be helped & therefore order you to goe about it wth: all expedition.

You will perceive by the copy of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: l̃re (now sent you) that they order us to send some of their servants to take and keep possession of their factories & Porto Novo being so much nearer you then us wee would have you send one of our council wth: 3 or 4 peons to take and keep possession of their ffactories there at w^{ch}: place if any of those thin shadow muslins they mention in y^{e} 11th paragraph are procureable at reasonable prizes, wee will send 2 or 3000 pag^{s}: to be invested therein, wee are

S^{rs}:
Yo^{r}: humble servants
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 50.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 19TH JUNE 1699.

To M^{R}: LOVELL &C^{A}: FFACTORS
AT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Our last l̃res to you was dated y^{e} 2^{d} & 9th: instants copy's whereof come inclosed wee intend very suddenly to dispatch ship Neptune for yo^{r} port & Vizagapatam for that she will hardly be able to touch at yo^{r}: port in her return hither. Wee are

Yo^{r}: assured ffriends to serve you
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 51.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 27TH: JUNE 1699.

To M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE [CHIEFE]
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^{RS}:

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 2^{d} instant (copy whereof comes inclosed) wherein wee have what material in yo^{rs} of y^{e} 20th February & 4th April since w^{ch}: wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of the 31st May & 7th Instant.

By y^{e} inclosed Invoice & bill of Ladeing youl'e see w^{t}: goods & treasure wee have laden on ship Neptune for 'yo^{r}: place & the reason why wee send you noe pag^{s}: is because you advise in yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 7th: instant to have drawn bills upon us for 5000 pag^{s}: payable to the Malacca Merch^{ts}: for Gold rec^{d}: of them, and in the postscript of y^{e} same letter you advise to have another bill for more Gold rec^{d}: of the same persons, but its amo^{t}: wee know not it being left blanck wee shall pay them both w^{n} demanded and when the Scepter arrives wee designe you a larger supply of money.

Wee take notice of w^{t}: you write concerning the Seer lascar's sending several roccas wherein he presses the cheife to come to Chicacul to y^{e} Entertainem^{t}: hee makes on y^{e} occasion of circumci^{n}: [of] his two Brothers and that it is resolved he goe, But wee think could it have bin evaded it had bin much better for tho' there may be no great inconveniency in the present cheifs goeing (if as you write the Seer Lascar has soe great a respect & Esteem for him) yet it may bee an ill president, & upon either of the Seer lascar or the cheife's removeing prove very inconvenient.

M^{r}; Lovell &c^{a} having advised that want of [*Incomplete at the end*].

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